



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5725.0593-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Application No.: 09/931,912 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
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Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 4343  
For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE )  
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST )  
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND )  
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2005, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. The period for response has been extended one month to April 5, 2006, by the accompanying petition and fee. This Response satisfies the requirement for a "Submission" to accompany the RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.